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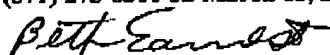
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Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to the first Office Action mailed December 12, 2005 in the above-identified application.